

Interns add fresh perspective to congressional office Three interns are valuable asset to 14th District

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WASHINGTON, DC - While some students will spend their summer breaks traveling with family or working traditional jobs, three Texas youth are spending their summer interning in the office of US Representative Ron Paul (R-Surfside, Texas).

"We're proud to have these interns in our offices, they not only help with the heavy load of work, but they offer a fresh insight to the entire process," said Paul. "These kids represent some of the finest in our district. Hopefully the experiences they gain working in this office will help them be more productive citizens and leaders."

The interns include William Davis of Clute, Dawn Waters of Port Lavaca, and Jason Stoddard of San Marcos. Davis works out of the Freeport office, while Waters and Stoddard are in the Washington office.

Davis is a sophomore pre-medicine major at Abilene Christian University minoring in political science. Davis said he wanted to work in Paul's office because he is interested in how a doctor (the congressman is an obstetrician) can add to the political debate.

Waters, meanwhile, is a senior at Calhoun High School. The daughter of Bill and Laura Waters, she is president of her school's National Honor Society and holds a black belt in karate.

"I saw the internship as an opportunity to learn more about the government while meeting new people and working with Ron Paul, one of the few honorable politicians on Capitol Hill," she said.

Finally, Stoddard is a Junior at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The philosophy and political science major is an avid golfer and chess player.

Besides the opportunity to work for "a man of uncompromising integrity and principle," Stoddard said he was enjoying the chance to briefly live and work in the nation's Capitol.

The intern program, while highly competitive, is available during the summer and throughout the year, for positions both in Washington, DC, and in the district. Any students interested in participating in Congressman Paul's intern program should inquire by writing to: The Office of US Rep. Ron Paul, ATTN: Intern Program, 203 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515.

Interns get a first-hand look at the workings of the federal government and are given the opportunity to participate in the day-to-day operations of a congressional office.